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TAKES SUDDEN LEAVE

Santos Dumont Sails for France Today.

SELLS HIS AIRSHIP

WILL NOT MAKE TRIP AROUND BATTERY.

Gives as Explanation His Doubts About the Aero Club's Prize.

NEW YORK, August 14.—Santos Dumont, the aeronaut, sailed for France today on the steamer La Touraine today. His intended departure was known only to a few friends and was explained by the aeronaut himself as due to the failure of certain parties to put up the expected \$25,000 prize for a successful flight in this city. He said he would return to this country in time for the airship contest at the St. Louis exposition.

Plans in Europe.
"I shall go to work, on my arrival in France, to put my new airship in condition for the St. Louis exposition," he continued. "My other machine, at Brighton Beach, I have sold and I do not know what is to be done with it. I had fully intended to make the Battery trip and when I return I will perhaps be able to do so."

Santos Dumont said that he was not a rich man and he could not make an exhibition of this kind without assurances that his expenses would be paid. When in France, he continued, he received word that the Aero Club of America had offered a prize of \$25,000 for a flight from Brighton Beach to the Battery in this city. In response to this offer he came over with his machine.

Question About the Offer.
"Since I have been staying here," he concluded the aeronaut, "I heard various rumors that the offer was not legitimate. Whether this is true or not I do not know, but I am not going to take any risks, and therefore have decided not to make the sail."

George Francis Kerr, the secretary of the Aero Club, expressed much surprise when told of the aeronaut's departure. "I cannot see why Mr. Dumont has sailed without making his trip, as all the preparations for it have practically been made," he said. "I am only sorry that Mr. Dumont has told me to order the hydrogen gas with which his balloon was to be inflated, and he, at all times, seemed to be most enthusiastic over the trip. The only loss in this case will be the Aero Club. The men who made this offer have spent quite a sum of money in the preparations for Mr. Dumont's trip."

NEW CANDIDATES LOOM UP.

Appointment of District Commissioner May Be Delayed.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., August 14.—Governor Odell of New York will be the guest of the President at luncheon today. He will arrive on the 12:30 train and leave for New York later in the afternoon.

Gov. Odell reached Oyster Bay in a private car attached to the 12:25 train. He was accompanied, and entering the President's trap, which was in waiting, was driven direct to Sagamore Hill, where he was met by President Roosevelt. Gov. Odell declined to state the nature of his visit further than to say that it was purely social; that he had an invitation from the President three weeks ago to lunch with him and that this was the first opportunity he had had of accepting it. The governor will leave here at 4:40 o'clock this afternoon for his summer home.

The appointment of a Commissioner for the District of Columbia to succeed the late John W. Ross may not be announced for some time yet. The names of several new candidates are being received by the President.

FOR THE PALMA TROPHY.

Competition for Places on American Team Postponed.

NEW YORK, August 14.—The international rifle match for the Palma trophy, to be held at Ottawa, Canada, between teams from England, Canada and the United States, having been postponed until September 13, at the request of the English team, the competition for places on the American team, which was to be held here on August 15 and 16, has been postponed until September 8. The team will be selected by a contest of the National Rifle Association, taking as a basis the scores made in the matches and the scores in the separate competition.

FATAL FIRE IN PITTSBURGH.

Gasoline Explosion in Chinese Laundry Injures Two Persons.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 14.—A gasoline explosion in a Chinese laundry on Frankstown avenue, East End, today caused a fire in which two persons were burned, one fatally, and three houses were destroyed. The injured: Wing Lee, a Chinaman, burned from head to foot; Harry Falt, a workman, seriously burned while trying to rescue Wing Lee.

The Chinaman was cleaning a suit of clothes with gasoline, when it exploded, scattering the burning vapor over him and setting fire to the house.

Steamship Arrival.

At New York: Barbarossa, from Bremen.

Appointment for Prof. Stone.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., August 14.—Prof. Ormond Stone of the University of Virginia has been appointed to the executive committee of the Carnegie Institution, as an advisor in relation to original research in mathematics. There are three advisors, the other two being Prof. Moore of the University of Chicago and Prof. Morley of Johns Hopkins.

EASY SAILING FOR JOHNSON.

Toledo Mayor Will Control Ohio Democratic Convention.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, August 14.—Charles F. Selen, director of the Ohio Democratic party, is just back from a political mission to Cincinnati in the interests of Mayor Tom L. Johnson, says this morning that Mayor Johnson will control absolutely the coming democratic state convention.

"We will lose Hamilton county," said Mr. Selen, "and we don't care for that. Some day we will have a pretty revolt in Hamilton county, and it wouldn't be surprising if that revolt would come very soon. Then we will get the Hamilton county delegation our way."

No. 15,434.

REMAINS LIE IN STATE

OLD FRIENDS GATHER AT McMILLAN HOME

To Take Last Look at the Distinguished Man Who Represented Their State.

DETROIT, Mich., August 14.—Surrounded by beautiful flowers the body of Senator James McMillan, who died suddenly last Sunday morning at Manchester, Mass., lies today in his home at 515 Jefferson avenue.

The Boston and Maine's funeral car, in which the remains left Boston yesterday afternoon, arrived here at 7:45 a.m. today attached to the Michigan Central's Detroit and New York special. The members of the McMillan family occupied the private car of President Ledyard of the Michigan Central, which was attached to the same train. As soon as the train was ferried across the river these two cars were detached and drawn into the station by a special engine. Loving hands were waiting to tenderly carry the coffin from the funeral car to the waiting hearse.

Gathered at the station were about 1,000 city, county and federal officials and prominent citizens. As the bearers lifted the casket out of the car two great bunches of American beauty roses, Senator McMillan's favorite flower, were placed on it. Through a double line of silent and mourning friends the bearers passed out of the station with the casket and in that way the body of the late Senator was taken to his home. The family had meanwhile taken carriages directly to the McMillan home. The escort of honor formed a double line ahead of the hearse and slowly the body of James McMillan was taken to his former home. This afternoon the body lay in state with an almost constant line of former friends and acquaintances slowly passing by for their last look on Michigan's great senator. The flowers that have been sent to the McMillan house are magnificent.

BABCOCK ON NEXT CONGRESS.

Chairman Points Out Difficulties Ahead of the Republicans.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE EVENING STAR.
NEW YORK, August 14.—Chairman Babcock of the republican congressional committee, when asked about the complexion of the Fifty-eighth Congress, said:

"My attention has been called to tables published by the press generally, purporting to come from the republican congressional committee, or from some one alleged to be familiar with our supposed estimates. 'Now, the facts are that the republican congressional committee has never published a table by states during the five campaigns that I have been connected with it. It is impossible at this time to even predict by districts, with any degree of accuracy, what the result may be, for the reason that only about one-half of the nominations have been made, and the new state or congressional committees have as yet been organized, and local conditions are such in many of the new states that the republican party has not been able to make a full list of its candidates. The republican congressional committee, but at an early date as possible, when the campaign has progressed, we will endeavor to secure reliable information, we shall give the public the benefit of it."

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LETTER FROM CAPT. BARTLETT.

His Ship, the Windward, Making Satisfactory Progress.

NEW YORK, August 14.—A letter received today by the secretary of the Peary Arctic Club from Capt. Samuel W. Bartlett of the club's steamer Windward, dated Domino Run, Labrador, July 25—four days after leaving Sydney—says:

"Everything works smoothly, and am in hopes of reaching Etah August 5, and that we shall have no difficulty in crossing Smith sound and finding Peary. Hope to see you in New York September 20 with the best of news."

FIRST NEGRO EXPOSITION.

To Be Opened in Chicago by President Roosevelt.

CHICAGO, August 14.—President Roosevelt will press a button in the library of his summer home at Oyster Bay tonight at 8 o'clock, and the signal will open the first negro exposition ever held—the Middle States and Mississippi Valley Exposition—which will occupy the last Regiment Armory until September 14.

The exposition will show the progress of the negro race in this country from the abolition of slavery forty years ago. Over twenty states and territories are represented.

The exercises attendant upon the opening will consist of addresses by Wm. W. Northcott, Mayor Harrison and Rev. W. B. Bowen, president of the Gammon Theological Seminary.

COLOMBIA WANTS SAILORS.

Agents Trying to Secure Men on Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 14.—The Chronicle says that agents of the Colombian government have been busy for some weeks seeking officers and men on this coast for its contemplated warships, and both in Seattle and San Francisco overtures have been made to seafaring men to enlist in the Colombian navy. A former American naval officer of this city has been asked to accept the position of executive and navigating officer of the Cutch, now being fitted out at Seattle.

Old Telegrapher.

BOSTON, August 14.—More than a score of years' service as superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Boston, Thomas Roche has resigned. It is expected that C. E. Page of Cincinnati will be appointed to succeed Mr. Roche.

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DENIED BY OVERSTREET

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN BOOK NOT TO BE REPLACED.

No Explanation Given of How the Report Started—Distributing the Document.

A story has gone forth in many newspapers to the effect that the President has found fault with the Republican Text Book for the campaign of 1902 and has had it recalled. The reasons given for this alleged action is because the text book does not present the question of reciprocity and fails to assert the republican doctrine on trusts with enough force. This morning Representative Overstreet, secretary of the republican congressional committee, telephoned to the city a denial of this report, saying that the only text book that has been published is the one now in print, and that the story that it is to be recalled and another book put in its place is without any foundation in fact.

Sending the Books Away.

A visible proof for this statement could be had today by a visitor to the Union building on G street, where the congressional committee has its headquarters for the distribution of campaign literature. There the employees of the committee were busily engaged in packing the text books which are labeled trusts. It is probable that this one will be so dubbed in the end. The companies in the combine are the Bethlehem steel works, makers of guns and armor plates for the government; the Union Iron works, San Francisco, builders of warships; the Bath iron works and Hyde Windlass Company of Bath, Maine; the Eastern Shipbuilding Company of New London, Conn.; the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company of Wilmington, Del., the great builders of steamships; the Crescent shipyards, Elizabeth, N. J., and the Canda Manufacturing Company, Carteret, N. J.

Mr. Nixon's Explanation.

Mr. Lewis Nixon is quoted as explaining the objects of the organization in the following language:

"Our desire is to put American shipbuilding establishments upon such a basis that we can build foreign ships here. The United States Shipbuilding Company now make proposals for a complete vessel, armor, guns, forgings, machinery and hulls. No other plant either at home or abroad can do this, although some of the shipbuilders and gun makers. The company is today building the largest cargo-carrying steamers in the world, and has a fleet in course of construction of the same type. The total contracts in hand aggregate \$50,000,000."

COUNTERFEITERS ARRESTED.

Outfit for Coinage of Quarter-Dollar Pieces Also Captured.

Two men and a counterfeiting outfit for the coinage of quarter-dollar pieces are the latest capture of the secret service branch of the Treasury Department. Chief William H. Clegg, in a letter this morning from Operative William H. Forsythe at Austin, Tex., stating that he had arrested J. Henry Brown and Harvey Bryan at Austin, and had taken possession of their house at Marble Falls, a small town near Austin. Both the men had some of the spurious coin on their person when arrested, and some of the counterfeit pieces had been found in the house, besides the outfit of dies and metal.

For the past two weeks Austin has been flooded with "queer" quarters, and the government secret service has been busy on the trail. The two men were held under \$2,000 bonds each to answer to the grand jury. It is estimated that their outfit was worth \$20,000, and that the amount of coin put into circulation by the two men could not be more than \$200.

TAX WILL BE COLLECTED.

Banks Lost Their Case and Commissioner Yerkas Acts Accordingly.

Commissioner Yerkas of the internal revenue bureau has directed that immediate steps be taken for the collection of the tax on profit and loss accounts, or undivided profits accounts, of banks, trust companies or private banks, under the war revenue act of June, 1898. The amount to be collected will approximate, it is said, \$300,000.

Under an opinion of the Department of Justice the tax had been collected only on the capital and surplus of banks, but the commissioner ruled last January that undivided profit, or profit and loss accounts of banks, is part of the surplus, and thereby subject to tax. After this ruling was made, by request of representatives of the banks, the commissioner ordered the tax to be withheld collection pending a decision by the United States circuit court in a suit to be brought to test the question.

The suit was brought in the southern district of New York by the Leather Manufacturers' National Bank of New York and was decided a few weeks ago adversely to the banks, the court sustaining the position taken by the commissioner. Mr. James B. Forgan, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, was the chairman of the committee representing the banks, and he called upon the commissioner last January protesting against the collection of this tax. January 27 last, the commissioner wrote him that the tax would be collected, and that he would require the banks to make returns at once to the department showing the undivided profit, or profit and loss accounts, and that he would make a decision upon the matter.

PUT OFF SIX MONTHS.

Order for New Uniforms Not to Be Effective Until July 1 Next.

Acting Secretary Sanger today issued an order postponing the time that the order for new uniforms shall go into effect from January 1 to July 1, 1903. This is done in order that dealers may obtain a supply of goods from which to manufacture the new uniform and to give the officers more time to prepare for the change.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

The Navy Department is informed that Admiral Evans' fleet, consisting of the Kentucky, New Orleans, Helena and Vicksburg, has arrived at Nagasaki on a visit to Korea.

The Indiana has left Halifax for Newport News and the Chesapeake has sailed from Portland, Me., for Annapolis. These vessels have naval cadets aboard.

The Gloucester and the Gwin have arrived at Annapolis. The Dolphin is at Newport and the Mayflower has left New London for Nemahsah Bay.

SHIPBUILDING TRUST

Democratic Financial Chairman at Its Head.

EFFECT ON CAMPAIGN

A MISTAKEN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

Work of Picking Up Southern Delegates to the National Republican Convention.

SPECIAL FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, August 14.—Considerable interest was occasioned in political and financial circles over the announcement of the details of the formation of a \$5,000,000 shipbuilding "trust," with Lewis Nixon, chairman of the finance committee of the democratic congressional committee, at its head. To be sure, the organization is called a "combination," and the harsh and vulgar word "trust" is not used in the title deeds. But as the objects of the association are similar to the objects of other organizations which are labeled trusts it is probable that this one will be so dubbed in the end.

The companies in the combine are the Bethlehem steel works, makers of guns and armor plates for the government; the Union Iron works, San Francisco, builders of warships; the Bath iron works and Hyde Windlass Company of Bath, Maine; the Eastern Shipbuilding Company of New London, Conn.; the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company of Wilmington, Del., the great builders of steamships; the Crescent shipyards, Elizabeth, N. J., and the Canda Manufacturing Company, Carteret, N. J.

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President Drexler of the Trust Company of the Republic, which is the trustee of the new combine, made a statement of purposes which sounds very much like the prospectus of some of the trusts which have been formed lately. He said:

"The business organization will begin at once by concentrating in different yards different types of vessels, hulls, armor, armor, guns, forgings, machinery and hulls. No other plant either at home or abroad can do this, although some of the shipbuilders and gun makers. The company is today building the largest cargo-carrying steamers in the world, and has a fleet in course of construction of the same type. The total contracts in hand aggregate \$50,000,000."

Effect on the Campaign.

The question is asked among politicians what effect upon the campaign may follow the connection of the chairman of the finance committee of the democratic campaign committee with a gigantic trust? It is not likely that Mr. Nixon will sever his chairmanship; he cannot be spared, it is said, to take the lead in his business.

Of course, it is well known that the democratic campaign committee, under the leadership of Mr. Drexler, has been very successful in raising money, and that the amount of coin put into circulation by the two men could not be more than \$200.

GIVEN UP BY KILLICK.

Blockade of Cape Haitien Admitted to Be Ineffective.

Acting Secretary Darling received a cable message this morning from Commander McCrea, commanding the Machias, dated at Cape Haitien, this morning, saying that the blockade of the port of Cape Haitien has been admitted by Admiral Killick of the revolutionary forces to be ineffective and has been abandoned.

A message was received at the State Department this morning from Minister Powell at Port au Prince, Haiti, saying that telegraphic communication has been restored between that city and Gonaives. This explains the lack of official information with regard to the operations of the hostile forces in the vicinity of Gonaives, which has been the principal scene of active operations by the forces acting in the interests of Gen. Firmin at this time.

GEN. CORBIN'S DEPARTURE.

Will Sail for Europe on the Vaderland Saturday.

Adjutant General and Mrs. Corbin left this morning for New York to visit Mrs. Parsons, General Corbin's daughter, prior to their departure for Germany. General Corbin, General Young and the members of their party, who will sail Saturday for Antwerp on the steamship Vaderland, will make a trip to Oyster Bay tomorrow to pay their respects to President and Mrs. Roosevelt before their departure. While in Germany in attendance on the military maneuvers the members of this party will be entertained with distinguished honors as the official guests of the German emperor. General Wood and his aid, Lieutenant McCoy, will join the party at Berlin, and the interesting feature of the trip is that the officers on all official occasions will wear the new uniform recently adopted for the United States service, including the olive drab uniform designed for field service. This will be the first official display of these new uniforms, so far as known, no other officers of the service have yet procured them.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

Appointments and Promotions in the War Department.

Changes in the classified service of the War Department have been announced as follows: Appointments under civil service rules—Office Secretary of War—Francis M. Alford, clerk, \$1,000; Frederick Hobbein, clerk, \$1,000.

Bureau of Insular Affairs—Cliff C. Barton, clerk, \$1,400; M. Drew Carroll, clerk, \$1,200; A. T. Ruan, clerk, \$1,200; J. C. Harralson, clerk, \$1,200; James L. Gordon, clerk, \$1,000; F. A. Tift, clerk, \$1,000; John B. Pettis, clerk, \$1,000; J. K. Worden, clerk, \$1,000; H. F. Worley, clerk, \$900; William N. Mahen, clerk, \$900; M. K. Harralson, clerk, \$1,000; L. H. Thompson, clerk, \$1,000; R. S. Lundy, clerk, \$900; J. M. Burkett, clerk, \$850; Burton Garrett, clerk, \$800; R. S. Welles, clerk, \$800.

Adjutant general's office—Thomas M. Baker, clerk, \$840; Hugh S. Pettis, clerk, \$800; E. B. Rutledge, clerk, \$800. Record and pension office—Roy R. Pelton, clerk, \$1,000.

Office chief of engineers—Hugo G. Goelitz, clerk, \$900; J. C. Parker, clerk, \$800; John H. Wilson, clerk, \$1,000; J. G. Sinclair, clerk, \$1,000.

Picking Up Southern Delegates.

A gentleman prominently connected with banking and railroad interests in the south, and who incidentally keeps a sharp eye on politics, gives me an interesting statement about an alleged movement for the capture of southern delegates to the next republican national convention.

"There is being held in Montgomery, Ala., today," he said, "a meeting of republican leaders in that state, at which an effort will be made to establish the first 'roosevelt machine' in the south. I am curious to know how it will turn out. It is the first break between the Hanna and Roosevelt forces for the control of the southern delegates."

Do not mistake that statement in any offensive sense, for I know that President



AN AUGUST CONTRAST.

Roosevelt is sincere in his desire that there shall be no antagonism between him and Mr. Hanna, and will not knowingly permit it. The outcome of today's meeting will reflect in no way upon the President. "It is well known, of course, that throughout the south the republican state bosses have up to this time been very close to Mr. Hanna. Some officers were dispensed upon his recommendation. Each little group of bosses, however, has aroused enemies and enemies among other republicans and now there is a general movement on foot to oust the Hanna men and put in 'Roosevelt men,' as they use the term. I am confident that the President is not a party to the plan, but that it is being done by others."

IMPORTANT CHANGES.

Result of the Recent Promotion of Col. W. H. Carter.

Several important changes have been ordered in the adjutant general's department as a result of the recent promotion of Col. William H. Carter to the grade of brigadier general. Lieut. Col. George Andrews, who is now the ranking officer on duty at the War Department, has been assigned to duty as adjutant general of the Department of California, at San Francisco. He takes the place of Col. J. B. Babcock, who has been ordered to this city as duty as adjutant general on the staff of Lieut. Gen. Miles. Col. Andrews' transfer to San Francisco was made at his own request, and will take effect October 15.

To provide for the vacancy thus created in the force at the War Department Maj. Charles J. Crane, who is now at Manila, has been ordered to this city at once, and William E. Carter, formerly of the Artillery Corps, stationed at Fort Meigs, Mich., who was recently detailed to the adjutant general's department, has also been ordered to duty as the adjutant general's office in this city.

Lieut. Col. James T. Kerr has been ordered to Port Leeward, Kan., for duty with the general service school, to be opened there September 1.

COL. SANGER TO BE PRESENT.

Much Interested in the Coming Joint Maneuvers.

Acting Secretary Sanger is taking a great interest in the coming army and navy maneuvers and has made arrangements to be present at the principal forts at the entrance of Long Island sound when the attack of the navy is made. Col. Sanger will continue to attend to the business of the War Department requiring the action of the Secretary, and will be in communication with department by telegraph and telephone. The routine matters of the department, such as the signing of the ordinary mail and regulations will be performed by Chief Clerk Scott, who has been designated for that duty by Secretary Root.

EXPLOSION ON THE HOLLAND.

Naval Board Appointed to Meet at the League Island Yard.

The Secretary of the Navy has appointed a court of inquiry to investigate the explosion aboard the submarine boat Holland, which occurred July 20. The court is composed of the following named officers: Commander Charles A. Badger, Lieutenant Commander John R. Edwards, Lieutenant Harry George, Assistant Naval Constructor Stewart F. Smith, and Lieutenant Edward E. Leiper, recorder. The board will meet at the League Island, Pennsylvania, yard on the 18th. The investigation which the board will make is expected to have an important bearing upon the determination of the general usefulness of submarine craft as well as the determination of the cause of the explosion in question.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Frank G. Butts is spending the month of August in Ocean City, N. J. Mr. Edward T. Pettigill is spending his vacation in the Adirondack mountains.

Mr. Lee Jewett Cox is at Ocean City, Md. Mr. Edgar L. Kenney has just returned from an extended trip through Florida, Alabama and Georgia.

Mr. H. T. Harding has returned to the city after a vacation taken at Camadagua Lake, N. Y.

Subject to Seizure.

A ruling was made today by the commissioner of internal revenue that packages of liquor put up for wholesale which have their stamp heads obscurely marked shall be subject to seizure.

Death of Capt. Batchelor.

The War Department is advised of the death, by cholera, of Capt. Joseph E. Batchelor, Jr., retired, August 7, at Nativity, D. C.

Mr. Bristow Leaves for Maine.

Mr. J. L. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, has gone to Maine for a month's rest.

THE STAR BY MAIL.
Persons leaving the city for any period can have the Star mailed to them to any address in the United States or Canada, by ordering it at The Star office or at any Postal Telegraph office, all of which are branch offices of The Evening Star. Terms: 13 cents per week; 25 cents for two weeks, or 50 cents per month. IN-ADVANCE. The address may be changed as frequently as desired by giving the last address, as well as the new one.

ADVICES FROM McLEAN

Reports Barcelona Held by Revolutionists.

EVERYTHING IS QUIET

MINISTER BOWEN DECLARES THE SITUATION TO BE SERIOUS.

Statement That American Consulate Was Pillaged is Discredited—View of Navy Department.

Cable communication has been re-established with Barcelona, as is indicated by the receipt of the following cable message from Commander McLean, commanding the United States ship Cincinnati, who is in charge of the naval forces now operating in the disturbed districts of Venezuela:

"BARCELONA, August 13, 1902. 'Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.: 'Barcelona occupied by revolutionists. Have imprisoned all civil and military officers. Are in possession of entire districts. Some pillaging done, but everything quiet. Twenty-nine business houses sacked. Most property taken. Also fifteen private dwellings. (Signed) 'McLean, Cincinnati.'"

The Cable Not Out.

It is said at the Navy Department that the receipt of the above dispatch direct from Commander McLean at Barcelona shows that Minister Bowen's dispatch of yesterday from Caracas, saying that the Barcelona cable had again been cut, was based on a misapprehension of the situation. The presumption at the Navy Department is that the revolutionists, who were in control at Barcelona, refused to allow messages to go through to Caracas, where Castro has his headquarters, and that this accounted for the report at the capital that the Barcelona cable had been again severed. The Navy Department officials cannot conceive that Commander McLean would have failed to report the fact if the cable had been tampered with. They also now discredit the report that the American consulate at Caracas had been pillaged, inasmuch as Commander McLean is silent on that point. They are inclined to think after studying the reports from the city that the revolutionists in seeking the town seized what they could lay their hands on, but were very careful not to disturb the interests of Americans. The government might make trouble for them.

Report from the American Consul.

The Department of State received a telegram from Minister Bowen at Caracas this morning saying he is advised by the United States consul at Barcelona that the revolutionists are sacking that town and searching private houses. He says they are demanding money from foreign residents in exchange for a guarantee of safety of lives and property. Mr. Bowen reports the general situation as serious. It appears from Mr. Bowen's message that telegraphic communication has been re-established